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1. FOR WHATEVER USE IT MAY BE TO DEPARTMENT AND INFO ADDRESSEES, WE NOTE THAT FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EMBOFFS TO ASK ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO WEU/NATO RELATIONSHIP NOW THAT PCI IS SITTING ON COMMITTEE WITH POTENTIAL ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED NATO DOCUMENTS.

2. OUR INTERLOCUTORS -- ALL (SO FAR) AT WORKING LEVEL OF PS -- HAVE MADE THE POINT THAT USG ARGUMENTS AGAINST PRESENCE OF FRENCH COMMUNISTS (PCF) IN ANY FUTURE GOF WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY WEAKENED IF, AS ONE DEFENSE SPECIALIST PUT IT, "YOU ACCEPT PCI ACCESS TO NATO DOCUMENTS ON THE SAME BASIS AS THAT OF ANY OTHER PARTY."

3. WITH PS TOP DEFENSE EXPERTS GENERALLY OCCUPIED WITH OTHER TASKS FOR THE MOMENT, WE DOUBT THAT THE PARTY WILL COMMENT PUBLICLY ON THIS ISSUE. WE WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS ISSUE AND WILL REPORT FURTHER
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